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## U.S. Troops 'Strap-Hang' Across Atlantic

### On Non-Stop Run By Great Fleets Of Transports

# MILLIONS NOW ASSAIL EARLY SPRING

## Pneumonia Has Lessened

## Churchill: Crisis Is Passed

MR. CHURCHILL has got over the crisis of pneumonia, it is said. This welcome news was given in a bulletin issued yesterday afternoon from 10, Downing-street.

There has been some irreverence of the pulse, but the operation is subsiding and pneumonia is resolving.

A good news indeed (writes the "Daily Medical Correspondent"), that the patch of pneumonia in the left lung is subsiding and that the crisis in the chest is past.

The gravity of the pulse was indicated that some strain was thrown on the chest. This may partly be accounted for by the pressure of work which would have hindered Mr. Churchill's resistance to the pneumonia condition.

However, irregularity of the pulse would be a condition which would not be likely to be ready to meet, and it should not at this stage give rise to alarm.

In this respect the Premier is a good deal better than his three other attendants. Brigadier D. Bedford, is one of Britain's best heart specialists.

A favourable factor is the fact that the chest is not so much of Mr. Churchill's strength can be maintained.

Generally it may be said that the patient must be kept as comfortable as possible, and the pneumonia is resolving.

It is a statement in the bulletin which says that there is a natural recovery of the pneumonia, and that the material needed for the fighting is being absorbed in the blood so that recovery takes place naturally.

FLU BLITZ HITS TWO CONTINENTS

INFLUENZA is today attacking across a thousands of miles wide front in a lightning war, sweeping two continents. From Europe and America come these reports of its havoc:

The United States has 90,000 cases in Washington alone, and in the Lena-Hallux, the British doctor.

Throughout the U.S., doctors are dealing with hundreds of thousands of cases of grippe about the end of the epidemic.

At the same time, the epidemic in Minneapolis have been called "type A" influenza, because, but not a killer."

They say "type A" influenza is spreading rapidly and spreading the epidemic fire. "It lays thousands of people low, but is not a killer."

Mr. Radio says that a "faster" epidemic in Germany has been seen as most of the epidemic is spreading rapidly, it adds. "Even simple cases are lacking, and the crowded hospitals are unable to cope with the epidemic."

The epidemic began in Germany about the same time as it hit Britain, but the epidemic in Prussia and the Rhineland.

Other reports say the 300,000 British victims were affected by the epidemic of their epidemic in the grippe in damp cellars during the RAF raids. Two thousand deaths are said to have died last week, and the number is increasing.

In Northern Italy thousands of cases are reported to have died of influenza.

See Page 6, Column 8: "L118" of "The Last Week."

The People will appear as usual next Sunday. Tell your friends they must place a clear order in order to ensure a copy.

From WALTON A. COLE, Reuter's Special Correspondent

IF YOU COULD SEE GREAT TROOPS STEAMING THEIR WAY TOWARDS BRITAIN THROUGH TURBULENT DECEMBER SEAS, AS I HAVE JUST DONE, YOU WOULD KNOW WHY AMERICANS ARE INCREASINGLY EXPECTANT OF AN INVASION OF EUROPE FROM THE WEST. FIVE MONTHS IS THE MAXIMUM TIME THEY GIVE BEFORE THE GREAT BLOW AT THE EUROPEAN FRONT—'LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL' IS THE WAY THEY DATE IT.

Sardines in their tins enjoy a degree of space compared with the troops who are tightly packed in these troopships. There is no room to accommodate one more man.

This policy of straphanging across the Atlantic is not dictated by shipping shortage or U-boats. It is practiced because the United Nations strategic master-plan required millions of trained soldiers—repeat millions—in Britain by an agreed date.

Each of those troopships—and there are three score of them on the regular run—is the harbinger of spring-time action in the west, judged on the prediction of an Allied move which they know must come sooner rather than later.

At Athens, they have constructed big bomber bases, ringed with dependent fighter squadrons. The Germans are aware that this pillar of strength crumble, then the Balkans will become a soft target for invasion.

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## Before Winter Is Over

### GREATEST ASSAULT IN HISTORY

By HAROLD HUTCHINSON,  
B.U.P. Staff Correspondent

Washington, Saturday.

THE REMORSELESS movement of men, guns and ships preparatory to the main assault on Europe has already begun, it is believed in reliable circles in Washington.

The comparative lull on the Southern and Western European fronts, according to these sources, is nearing its end, and new fronts will open while the winter still covers the greater part of Europe.

The date of the opening of the main attack on Europe is known in Washington.

The first development is expected to be the announcement of the names of the men who will command the new fronts.

General Marshall, U.S. Chief of Staff, has been tipped as far for the post of Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Force, which first tipped Marshall, now says that plans have been changed, and that General Eisenhower will be the C-in-C.

General Alexander, says the paper, will take over in the Mediterranean if Eisenhower is named C-in-C in the West.

UNALTERABLE PLANS. The Italian springboard is now being used to carry the main attack on the western coast of Europe.

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MOSCOW RADIO said last night: "Three hundred and eighty thousand Red Army ski troops are undergoing rigorous training in winter fighting in the Kalinin region—north-west of Moscow."—Reuter.

# Soviet Winter Army Ready To Attack

FROM HAROLD KING, REUTER'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Moscow, Saturday.

THE Red Army tonight stands at the ready along a 500-mile front from Leningrad to Zlobino, while in the south the Germans are massing their available strength to ward off a possible new breakthrough attempt in the Dnieper bend. That is the picture of the Russian front as frost and snow herald the great winter battles to come.

In the North, the Germans are betraying their nervousness of Soviet intentions by sending out increasing numbers of patrols.

On the central front the snow is thick and ice and guns have already appeared in their white winter camouflage. Ski troops in long white cloaks are making long-distance patrols and reconnaissance into the German lines.

Roads leading to the front are covered with short ice and transport is struggling forward with slow progress, although the ideal winter campaigning conditions have not yet arrived in the south, where operations have become more restricted during the past few days.

In the great Dnieper bend the Germans are alarmed by the prospect of a Red Army breakthrough at Kirovograd and Zerkov. Nevertheless, German attacks which to some degree have slowed down Soviet progress.

Front-line reports reaching Moscow say that the next few days will be decisive in the great battle for Kirovograd. The Germans have collected large forces and moved them east from Kirovograd, where they are putting up what is described as extraordinarily stiff resistance.

Fighting is going on in front of a belt of fully wooded country. Soviet tactics consist of attacking the enemy's positions, and the fighting has been exceedingly hard. The line of the front is constantly changing.

The reverse of the German onslaughts is generally expected here, but meanwhile the Russian lines are being steadily strengthened.

The Red Army seems determined to allow the Germans no breathing space, and the battles now in what is expected to be a great winter offensive.

Constant gun duels even on the comparatively quiet sectors keep the German command on tenterhooks, moving reserves nervously from one sector to another.

For behind the front there are also signs that the Germans are confident of their own strength, and the recently reported evacuations from the lines are not a sign of weakness.

Captured Germans say that troops from the front have recently been stopped on route to the rear, and that they are being sent to the front, presumably to prevent news of the real conditions from spreading in Germany.

A Russian breakthrough into the German salient south of Zerkov on the Southern front was reported by the German News Agency last night.

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## Flame-Throwers Guard Village HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT NEAR ROAD TO ROME

From Special Correspondents at Allied Headquarters, Saturday.

ALLIED troops of the Fifth Army and men of the German Fifth Mountain Division, newly arrived from Russia, are fighting hand-to-hand battles today for San Pietro, sentinel village only one mile from the road to Rome.

Every conceivable defensive installation has been set up by the Germans to prevent the capture of the village, which guards the western end of the Mignano gap.

The fighting has raged slowly towards the outskirts, over rugged mountain peaks, where knife-edge rocks slash down and legions to ribbon.

German flame-throwers, snipers, mortars, heavy machine-guns and mines are covering every path with a hail of fire.

But the Fifth Army has almost surrounded the village and has captured the heights to the north, east and south of it.

Further inland, American troops have captured Lescure near the summit of a 2,000-ft. mountain, but have been forced to yield ground in another sector by fierce enemy counter-attacks.

Crack German parachute troops have been moved up to help defend Orsogna, on the Eighth Army front, with orders to hold the town as long as possible.

But New Zealanders, advancing in the face of heavy German artillery fire, have fought their way into the town.

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## YANKS GO ON IN NEW BRITAIN

AMERICAN forces on New Britain are advancing on the Arava Peninsula, says a message flashed from General MacArthur's headquarters yesterday.

The American Sixth Army has consolidated the beachheads and now controls all of the three-mile long peninsula of the south-eastern coast.

The Japs sent over twin-engine bombers, dive bombers and fighters, but American Lightnings and Thunderbolts drove them off, shooting down five bombers, five fighters, and probably three more.

No American planes were lost. The heaviest Allied raid of the day was on Cape Gloucester, 70 miles away at the western end of the island.

One hundred miles to the west, across Vitara Strait, the Japs suffered heavy losses on the New Cretas mainland, where Australian fighters drove from the coastal point of Lakona, 12 miles north of Finchhafen.

Reuter.

## U.S. Calls Up Another 2,000,000

Washington, Saturday.

The Selective Service Board reported today that two million more men will go into the U.S. Armed Services by next July. A million of them will be fathers—

## 10,000 JAPS IN LAKESIDE TRAP

A New York telegram states that Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the 14th U.S. Army Air Force, has reported that the Japanese have been decisively defeated in the Rhen-Bowl area of China near the Rhen-Bowl area, and are now attempting to escape 10,000 troops from the Tungting Lake area—Reuter.

## 'General Snow' Gives French Shock

From HAIG NICHOLSON, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

A summer of the Swedish Navy, published in Stockholm this morning, indicates that the Swedish considers that Norway's affairs are very much Sweden's concern.

THE was the reply made to Von Ribbentrop's Note of December 4 to the Swedish Charge d'Affaires in Berlin that the German Government refused to discuss the question of the arrest of German University students with the Swedish Government.

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## Beafigters Fire Supply Ship

Beafigters of Coastal Command, escorted by Typhoons, yesterday attacked a large enemy supply ship off the coast of Brittany.

Two bombs were dropped with torpedoes and the vessel was left burning.

The presence of the French troops in the fighting-line in Italy only a few days after.

## Naples Meeting Banned

ALLIED authorities in Italy have prohibited the joint meeting of National Liberation Committees, from the chief centres of liberated Italy, which was to have been held at Naples tomorrow.

A letter signed by Col. Hume, of the U.S. Army, Chief Officer for Civil Affairs in the Naples Area, cables Reuter's special correspondent.

The reason is understood to be that Naples is too close to the fighting line for political activities to be permitted which might give rise to agitation.

These instructions are said to have come very recently from a high source.

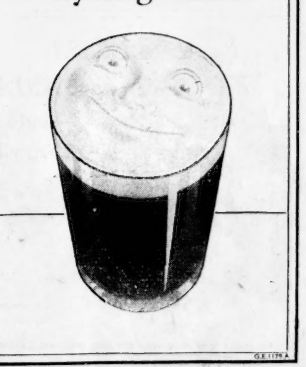
## Surprise For Nazi Bullies

NAZI forces that raided the Italian town of Berna, Haute Savoie, did not know that the British were following them.

They followed the usual Nazi procedure, arrested the mayor and officials, set fire to the town and set fire to houses. THEN—

They arrived, attacked the enemy and inflicted heavy losses. The British, according to a Reuter despatch from Zurich.

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# Remember the Sabbath—but remember

# Beware of

# the Latter-Day

# Man's Day

it is also the Poor

in his attendance at the synagogue and at the schools, where bearded students pondered the law.

Nevertheless this brilliant man on the Day of Atonement

**LITTLE MUTHER** "And then...that Monday...it was wash-day...and mother went shopping. The war changed. It changed her. It changed her mental health, and I'm

And what a complaint! The thumper there seems to hang an acidic odour of cheap black dye. Save me from your dietic fanatical poor man; and I will save myself from the devil.

This isn't an attack on Churchgoers. I am not attacking their faith and genuine piety. I am good people whether they go to church or stay at home. But I detest those who persist in forcing their religion down my throat.

The Sabbath observance controversy is still raging—as it has been raging since Christ shocked the Pharisees by plucking ears of corn on the Sabbath day, and by saying: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath."

**Dismal Jimmies**

Sayings such as this led, in the end, to the gallows—the Roman Catholic and the Protestant alike.

Don't let them push you away!"

**Sabbath Observance!** What do those Sourfaces worship?—the Sabbath, the bitter, black God of Pain? No, they loved the Sabbath! Mind that conceived the Universe and all its wonders, outstayed by the joys and dances of weary working men and women!

I believe in no such god as the belief who says they're trying to spoil the honest, open fun of tired people on the Sabbath!


I am in favour of bigger, bolder, better, and more intelligent observations on the Sabbath—circuses, cinemas, theatres, music-halls, music and music—open dance—palaces, and music—music matches, and everything

going to have it. Please go away!"

There were certain hot spirits that listened at the door, but they heard none of this. The Rabbi raised in prayer, Ananias leaped up.

People said that, on the Day of Atonement, the Rabbi intended to Heaven, afterwards, because of his very great goodness, was to be taken up on that one day of the year to stand in the presence of God and the angels.

"This story grew, and was spread," said the Rabbi, "and I dared to ask the Rabbi whether it was true. Then, one day, a Lithuanian determined to find out the truth for himself, told the Rabbi whether he meant. Nobody (said the teller) but a Lithuanian



If anybody had asked her what she intended doing that evening Peggy would have perhaps told

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**Just A Pledge**

It was young Jack's twenty-first birthday last week, and Peter

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Two Rocks-Wulf 190's swept in almost skimming the dancing wavecrests, climbed swiftly to clear the cliff, reared almost up-

As for the farm workers, village life must be more peaceful, but the Jews are still not allowed to enter the village or close the same and still drift to the edge of the village. The Jews are the cause of animosity either because of the Jews' religious intolerance or because of the Jews' own private greed or also because of the Jews' own sense of superiority and sense of mission.

ple for the second time; their task was not difficult. By sundown the town was quiet, and saddened.

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CENTURIES ago a Roman ruler acted on the dictum: "If the people cry or bleed give them bread." And, in the hands where a pair would do, each stage of their progress increasing the cost to the purchaser. I want, in short, to establish why man's selfishness is substituted for his love of his fellow-men.

MAN'S CLIMB TOWARDS

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